

Remarks

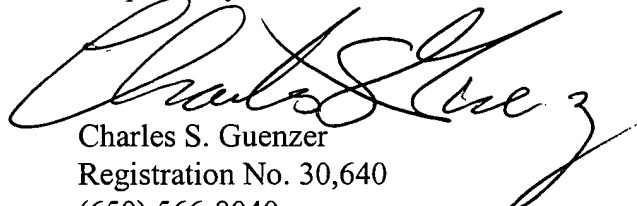
Claims 1-41 remain in the application.

New claims 17-41 were selected and adapted from the claims allowed in commonly assigned Serial No. 10/052,681, filed January 17, 2003 (Applied docket 1931.P1), for which the issue fee has been paid. Some claims have been somewhat broadened, others narrowed, while some dependent claims have not been selected.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number, which is on California time.

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